

“waste to energy” are all dangerous distractions from the massive, global plastic pollution problem we need to face. We need to place the responsibility where it belongs: on the industry that generates the waste.

- Support the Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act, which, among other things, would make plastic product manufacturers accountable for wasteful products and phase out unnecessary single-use plastic products.
- Ensure that stimulus or other bills supported by the administration do not fund industry’s false solutions that exacerbate the plastic pollution crisis, such as chemical recycling, waste-to-fuel, waste-to-energy, incineration, gasification, pyrolysis, and plasma arc, which are harmful to human health and the environment and violate the principles of environmental justice. Veto any section of spending bills that fund the false solutions listed above.
- Direct the Attorney General to investigate all violations of law by plastic producers, transporters, and molders/formers impacting the environment and prosecute them to the maximum extent of the law for the damages they have caused.
- Direct the Federal Trade Commission, in its “Green Guide” on environmental marketing claims, to prohibit companies from falsely claiming their plastic products are recyclable.
- Direct the EPA and the National Institute of Standards and Technology to set minimum recycled content standards for beverage containers and other items.
- Impose tariffs on the import of single-use plastics, with exemptions

for medical and personal protective equipment and accessibility options for persons with disabilities.

- Establish a moratorium on the construction of any new garbage incinerators and direct each state to develop a schedule to close existing municipal incinerators and develop a plan to close and remediate all incinerator ash landfills.
- Direct the EPA to develop new data collection methodologies to accurately report waste reduction, recycling, and composting rates throughout the United States. Require consistent reporting from local and state governments and the private sector.
- Direct the Department of Commerce to establish a new office on Recycling Market Development and Waste Reduction Innovation.

4. ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN PETROCHEMICAL CORRIDORS.

Petrochemical companies continue to locate new and expanded plastics facilities near existing fossil fuel infrastructure, which means they are targeting the Gulf Coast, Appalachia, the Ohio River Valley, and other communities that already shoulder a heavy burden of oil, gas, and plastic industry pollution. Across the United States, these facilities are often located in and have a disproportionate impact on low-income and minority neighborhoods.

- Direct all federal agencies to ensure that communities of color, Indigenous communities, and low-income communities have access to public information and opportunities for meaningful public participation